(4) To prevent crowding of visitors and idlers in the verandahs and wards.

(5) To prevent the swarming, sometimes in large numbers, of sight-seers, etc., when a police case or a case of accidental injury is brought in.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Does not this 'pass system' compel patients to crowd in the outer ward to get prescription ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Do you mean the out-patients' ward ?

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Yes.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : I believe they have a separate entrance.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : There may be a separate entrance ; but, does not this 'pass system' prevent the patients from choosing the doctor they like ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : It does not. The main entrance is to the in-patient department. The 'pass system' is in force to prevent indiscriminate entrance into the in-patient department.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Does not this 'pass system' prevent a patient from choosing the doctor he likes ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : No ; once admission is given he can seek any doctor he likes.

Admission of Labour cases in the District Hospital, Quilon.

263. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that labour cases are admitted in the Quilon District Hospital when there is the Victoria Hospital for women and children ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : Labour cases are not generally admitted into the Quilon District Hospital since there is no labour ward attached to the institution, but patients in labour who wished to be attended by the Medical Officer in charge of the District Hospital, Quilon, have been admitted sometimes to that Hospital.

Damage to Paddy Lands on account of the Floods in Tulam 1101 and Relief Measures.

264. **MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI** (*Agastisvaram*) : (1) Are the Government aware that, in the Trivandrum Division, crops on thousands of acres of paddy lands, both in and out of the area commanded by the Kodayar Project, have been destroyed, and hundreds of acres of paddy lands have been silted up with sand on account of the floods in Tulam last ?

(2) Have they collected statistics regarding the number of acres of land the crops on which have been destroyed and also of the area silted up ?

(3) If so, what was the total area of such lands in the Trivandrum Division ?

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[Mr. M. Subrahmanya Pillai.]

(4) Have they directed the granting of remissions of tax for the Kumbham crop for the lands on which crops have been destroyed?

(5) Will the Government be pleased to direct the *pakuthi* authorities to prepare a list of the lands on which crops have been destroyed with a view to the granting of remissions of tax, and also to direct the taluk authorities to grant agricultural loans for the removal of sand from paddy fields?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) Government are aware that, in the Trivandrum Division, all taluks except Neduvangad and Chirayinkil, were affected by the floods of 1101.

(2) to (4) A consolidated report showing the nature of the damages caused was called for from the Land Revenue Commissioner and has just been received and it is under consideration. No remission of tax has as yet been ordered. Full information has not been received as to the total area of the lands affected.

(5) The Dewan Peishkar has already asked the Tahsildars to prepare lists of lands on which the crops have been destroyed. Applications received for grant of agricultural loans for removal of sand from paddy fields will be considered by the Revenue authorities.

Remission of Land Tax in Kalkulam and Vilavankod taluks during 1101.

265. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Have the Government called for or received any report about the breaches in the taluks of Kalkulam and Vilavankod during the rains of Tulam 1101, and about the loss of crops to the cultivators caused thereby?

(*b*) Do the Government propose to grant remission of tax on the lands for the crop that has been affected by the rains?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The Member is referred to the answer given to interpellation No. 264.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): ഈ സംഗതിക്ക റിപ്ലൈയാട്ട് വന്നിരിക്കുന്നതായിപറയുന്നതു—

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am at question No. 265. The Member is referring to the answer to question No. 264.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): In answer to question No. 265, I have been referred to the answer given to question No. 264. That is why I am referring to that.

MR. T P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I rise to a point of order as to whether he can legitimately do so.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: So far as interpellation No. 265 is concerned, he is at liberty to put that supplementary question.

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